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Holiday deadline

Due to Monday's Family Day holiday, deadline for advertising and news submissions for the Feb. 19 issue will be 4 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13.

Big cheques

For local groups

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Vicki Brooker photo

Elk Point Elementary out for a Winter Walk

Friday's warm and sunny afternoon was perfect for Elk Point Elementary School students and staff as they joined thousands of Albertans in celebrating winter and walking at the annual Winter Walk Day. This annual event is spearheaded by SHAPE (Safe Healthy Active People Everywhere) which records the total number of walkers and minutes walked that day.

Chamber addresses healthcare and education at 2013 AGM

By VICKI BROOKER
Staff Writer

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce members returned the current leadership team to office at last week's annual meeting, and agreed to continue meeting at noon on the first Thursday of each month during the coming year.

Treasurer Geoff Hyslop reported that the chamber is going into 2013 in a good financial position, with the balance on the EcoCentre trimmed to an even \$150,000 and money still coming in from Extravaganza advertising.

Applications are going in for a bursary to defray the cost of chamber president Debra McQuinn's attendance at the Alberta Chamber of Commerce convention, and also for the Canada Summer Jobs grant for a tourist information clerk, with a STEP position application to be sent in as soon as the application information arrives.

McQuinn's first project of the year for the chamber is to get the outdoor-access washroom at the EcoCentre completed and in operation, after being approached

by the Elk Point TrailRiders Snowmobile Club, who would like to see this in place in time for their upcoming antique snowmobile show and rally. A local mechanical contractor has indicated that he would be willing to donate his labour for the project, so McQuinn is now checking out prices for an automatic-flush toilet and a motion-sensor-equipped sink for the facility. She also plans to install a time-activated door lock, allowing the washroom to be used between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. The washroom was in the original plans for the EcoCentre and will be a helpful amenity for Iron Horse Trail users.

Bob Bezpalko of Alberta HUB told the chamber he will be moving forward with Business Link webinars focusing on small business and entrepreneurship, and feels the EcoEducation Room in the EcoCentre would be an excellent location for area businesspeople to access the courses, using the technology already in place in the facility.

Town Couns. Bernice Capjack and Dwayne Yaremkevich and local businesswoman Sharon Smith updated the chamber on meetings held to

discuss healthcare centre staffing issues. Following the meeting between council, MLA Shayne Saskiw, Dr. Drew Ramful, Dr. Ayobami Oyeboode, Health Advisory Council past-chair Diana Anderson and Alberta Health representatives Wendy Harrison, Dr., Kevin Worry and Dr. Albert Harmse on Jan. 31, which Coun. Capjack said, "was not the kind of meeting we had hoped for."

After a follow-up meeting with Harrison and Dr. Harmse the next day, Mayor Parrish Tung drafted a letter to Harrison, with copies sent to Dr. Worry, Minister of Health and Wellness Fred Horne and Alberta Health Services chair Kevin Lockwood, providing background information and listing a series of recommendation for Alberta Health. The letter also stated the town's willingness to work with AHS toward a positive outcome.

Progress has been made, Coun. Capjack said, with positions for registered nurses now advertised on the AHS website, and two acute care beds opened "almost immediately."

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Canadian Natural assists volunteer groups

By Vicki Brooker
Staff Writer

Two local volunteer groups were among six recipients of sizeable donations from Canadian Natural Resources last week, when staff at the Bonnyville district office presented a series of \$18,522.19 cheques to assist with their projects.

In welcoming the volunteers, CN's Richard Smyl said that in 2006, the company's management team put together a matching donation program for field personnel that would assist volunteer groups with programs related to health and wellness, youth and education.

"Every dollar donated by a worker is matched," he noted, with the pot swelled by proceeds from their annual barbecue, raffles and their annual steak-and-shrimp supper. The supper gives the volunteer groups an opportunity to partner in the fundraising effort by doing everything from peeling potatoes to taking tickets at the door.

"One hundred per cent of the proceeds, less the expenses, goes to the groups," he added.

Since 2006, a total of 34 charities in an area reaching from Lac La Biche to Vermilion have received just under \$480,000, Smyl said. "And 2012 was by far our biggest year."

"CN still does their ongoing capital donation program as well."

Smyl also thanked the 17-member committee, formed to "distribute the wealth across the district," who put in many hours of work on the steak-and-shrimp supper, "above and beyond their normal

duties," and added praise for the volunteer groups without whom, he said, "it wouldn't happen."

Diana Anderson of Elk Point Heritage Lodge Auxiliary thanked CN on behalf of the volunteers. "The little you asked from us is peanuts compared to what the company is doing."

The total of more than \$18,000 per group "is the

biggest ever," Smyl said. The supper, which is open to the public, "is becoming more and more known, and the communities are really pitching in" with donations of everything from food to silent auction items. "We're looking at the projects the money is going toward, things that are going to stay in the communities."

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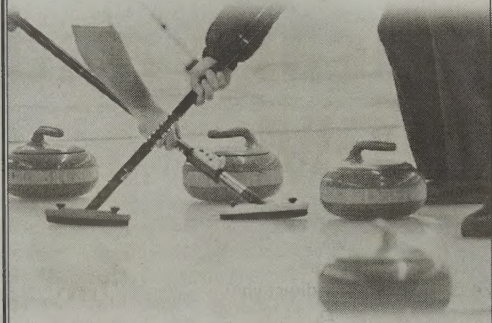


Vicki Brooker photo

Canadian Natural's donation to the Heritage Lodge Auxiliary by Gary Bardoel and Richard Smyl goes toward building a walkway between the lodge and the Healthcare Centre. Left to right, standing, are Diana Anderson, Bardoel, Irene Melin, Loris Kozina, Olga Musijowski, Helen Gulajec, Smyl, Josie Zarowny, Lori Kaduski, Gene Russell; front, Sarah Nelson and June Rainboth.

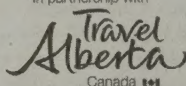
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Chamber

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Concerns expressed at the chamber meeting that the lack of staffing could lead to healthcare centre closure were addressed by Coun. Yaremkevich, who said the AHS representatives "all made it very clear that there is no intention of closing it down."

With English language tutoring for healthcare workers wishing to apply for RN registration as one of the recommendations in the mayor's letter, Melanie Poulin of Play2Learn Daycare noted that she is bringing in English as a Second Language training for her staff, and would have space in that class for these individuals.



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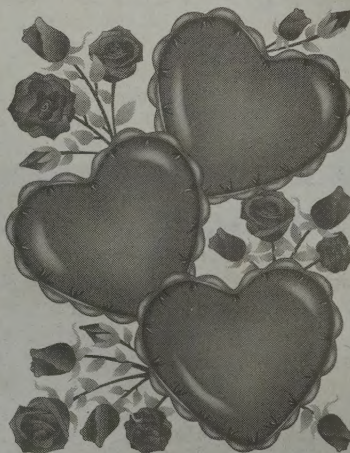
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Volunteer groups

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Representatives of the Dewberry Agricultural Society were the first called forward to accept a cheque, with Holly Holmen, Eleanor Parr and Johnny Lypow reporting that the funds will help with operation and upgrading of their arena.

Another arena, this one in St. Paul, was represented by Ron Boisvert, who accepted the cheque on behalf of the Community Arena, which he said is marking its 30th anniversary this week.

Two schools were beneficiaries.

Elk Point Elementary School's cheque, accepted by Kris Ann Jenner and

Elaine Ziomek, will go toward the school's breakfast program and to install an informational sign, while Kim Barrie, Claudette Popowich and Tara Dundas said the cheque to Bonnyville's Dr. Brosseau School goes toward the much-needed replacement of aging playground equipment.

Also in the Bonnyville area, Moose Lake Bible Camp volunteers Bill Ambler, Joy Ambler and Sylvester Stover said their cheque is going toward camp operations.

The biggest group of recipients came from Elk Point's Heritage Lodge Auxiliary, with Anderson, matron Loris Kozina, recreation coordinator Lori Kadutski and

residents Helen Gulajec, Gene Russell, Irene Melin, Olga Musijowski, Sarah Nelson, Josie Zarowny and June Rainboth all on hand to express their appreciation for the funds, which will pay for a walk linking the Lodge with the Elk Point Healthcare Centre which eliminates the need for ambulance or other vehicles to transport residents between the two facilities.

"We can go in our slippers, in wheelchairs," said one of the residents, who added that she and her husband were among five residents who used the walkway the very first day it opened.



Elaine Ziomek and Kris Ann Jenner of Elk Point Elementary School accepted a big boost for their breakfast program from Carol Brown of Canadian Natural. The donation will also fund an information sign.

Progress made in healthcare talks as two acute care beds reopened

By VICKI BROOKER
Staff Writer

A meeting between town council, MLA Shayne Saskiw and members of Elk Point's healthcare community met with representatives of Alberta Health Services brought at least one rapid response. The following morning, local doctors got the go-ahead to admit patients to Elk Point Healthcare Centre as two acute care beds were reopened.

That good news was brought by Dr. Ayobami Oyeboode when he met with Mayor Parrish Tung, MLA Saskiw, town manager Myron Goyan, former Lakeland Communities Health Advisory Council chair Diana Anderson, Interagency Health Committee chair Margaret Modin and County of St. Paul Division 2 Coun. Dwight Dach on Friday, Feb. 1 to discuss the outcome of the previous evening's meeting with Wendy Harrison, Dr. Albert Harmse and Dr. Kevin Worry of Alberta Health Services (AHS).

Mayor Tung gave a rundown on information gathered at the Thursday meeting, with the group subsequently developing a set of requests to be forwarded to Harrison, with copies going to Minister of Health and Wellness Fred Horne, Alberta Health chair Kevin Lockwood, Dr.

Worry, MLA Saskiw and the County of St. Paul, along with letters from Dr. Oyeboode and two local residents who felt they had been adversely affected by the recent reduction of services at the Healthcare Centre.

The letter offered the community's help with obtaining English language tutoring for nurses in the process of applying for Alberta RN registration, incentives such as housing, and assistance in recruiting to fill vacant RN positions. It also asked AHS to immediately employ contract nurses until recruitment was successful, to open a minimum of five acute care beds immediately, with the remainder to be

opened when the facility returns to full staff, to maintain 24/7 emergency room service, to be flexible in hiring and staffing practices and to keep town council, the physicians and healthcare centre staff informed about their progress in resolving the staffing crisis.

A committee was formed at the Feb. 1 meeting, and "progress is being made," the mayor says; with acute care beds opened so both doctors can admit patients and the emergency department fully operational. He sees "really positive changes" in the future, as further plans are made to provide incentives to encourage nurses to come to Elk Point.

Capsule Comments

by Your Natural Choice Apple Drugs pharmacist, Seyi Oyeboode



- Hearing tests don't hurt. If you need the TV volume louder, feel confused at parties, ask people to repeat themselves often, shy away from meeting new people because you might not understand them, have trouble hearing on the phone....You may have a hearing problem. Get it checked soon.
- Brain injury is the greatest killer and the greatest cause of disability under the age of 45, surpassing all other causes. You don't have to lose consciousness to sustain a concussion which causes a change in the chemistry within brain cells which can impair brain function. Don't take a "knock in the head" for granted. Even a mild brain injury can last a lifetime. Get medical help right away.
- To encourage Australians to quit smoking, the government started mandatory new packaging law on Dec. 1 last year. The packages are blank on the back and have anti-smoking messages on the front like "Smoking causes blindness" or "Smoking causes cancer" with appropriate graphic pictures accompanying them. The price of a pack of 25 in Australia is around \$20....another motivation to quit.
- Historically, people died from maladies we don't hear much of today. Typhoid fever, lead poisoning, bubonic plague and anthrax are examples. Measles and smallpox killed 95% of native South Americans in the 1500s. Thanks to clean water supplies, immunization and antibiotics our lives are much safer.
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EDITORIAL

Writer remembered

We are sad to hear of the passing of one of this area's lifetime residents, Irene Magnusson. Irene was a vital part of the Elk Point Review and Lakeland Review as a reporter and columnist for many years, as well as a longtime columnist for the St. Paul Journal.

Her column, "Alberta Trails," took us to all corners of the province and far beyond, chronicling her adventures and marveling at all the sights she saw. In addition, she reported on everything from social events to political visits, and enabled the Review to cover far more news than one reporter alone could take care of. Her contributions filled many of our pages over the years, and she was known for telling it like it was.

It was a pleasure and a privilege to have Irene's contributions for many years.

Our condolences to the family.

WAY BACK WHEN...

Slider medals, office closures, fire truck focus

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF FEB. 12 IN...

1988

Kelly Currey of the Elk Point Sliders brought home Alberta Winter Games gold in Nordic Combined, while teammate Dorothy Cardinal brought home bronze in the Ladies' Luge. Ryley Cell City Spoilers and Lloydminster All Stars took top billing at the 15th Annual Elk Point Pacers' basketball tournament.

1993

Cabinet Minister Diane Mirosh praised the efforts of MLA John Drobot when she visited Elk Point as "a man the whole legislature will listen to, and who has done well by his constituents." Elks of Canada Grand Exalted Ruler Joe Calder visited the Elk Point lodge, with guests from seven other lodges in the area as well as local Elks and OORP on hand to welcome him.

1998

Pan Canadian Petroleum announced the closure of their Elk Point and Provost offices as part of efforts to trim their heavy oil work force, with most of the 60 employees relocated to other offices, as light oil prices dropped to \$23 a barrel and Bow River heavy oil to \$14 a barrel. World class cross-country skier John Kozak, clad in his Team Canada racing suit, visited Elk Point Elementary as part of their Olympic kickoff celebrations.

2003

Ratepayers had mixed reactions regarding the purchase of a new fire truck and how to pay for it, some feeling the best move was to have the town's 24-year-old truck repaired and recertified. Firefighting was also the focus of a joint meeting of town and county councils as they hammered out a new fire agreement.

2008

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce was still on the hunt for nominees for their executive, with the annual meeting just a week away. Canada Day planning was off to an early and enthusiastic start, after an excellent response to the 2007 celebration, which was combined with the town's centennial celebrations.

EXAMINING THE CROSS-BORDER PRICE GAP.



GUEST COLUMN

February holidays

Did you know that the month of February has several important days that can be celebrated as February holidays? They are: Saturday, Feb. 2 as Groundhog Day; Sunday, Feb. 10 as Chinese New Year; Tuesday, Feb. 12 as Carnival or Shrove Tuesday; Wednesday, Feb. 13 as Ash Wednesday; Thursday, Feb. 14 as Valentine's Day; Friday, Feb. 15 as National Flag of Canada Day (First introduced in 1996, it marks the day in 1965 when our red and white leaf flag was first raised over Parliament Hill in Ottawa.); Monday, Feb. 18 as Louis Riel Day (celebrated in the province of Manitoba where many people have a day off work and school). Feb. 18 – the third Monday in February – is also known as Islander Day in the province of Prince Edward Island which was introduced in 2009; Friday, Feb. 22 as Heritage Day in the Yukon; and Sunday, Feb. 24 as Purim. (A Jewish holiday celebrated on the 14th of Adar in commemoration of the deliverance of the Jews from the massacre plotted by Haman.)

Some of you are probably saying: "She forgot the most important day!" That day would be what we in Alberta, (established in 1990) Ontario and Saskatchewan (established in 2008) will be observing on the third Monday. Why, that is Family Day and yes, it will be celebrated as the "family day weekend". (Actually, British Columbia has chosen to celebrate Family Day for the first time in 2013 and they have chosen as their date to be the second Monday in February.) Oh yes, there is one more important thing to remember about Monday Feb. 18. It is National Heritage Day and some people will be choosing to explore their personal heritage and family history on that day. Whoops! I forgot Monday, Feb. 18 is President's Day in the United States. So it is also a day off for our American friends and neighbors as well.

I know some of you saying, the stores are trying to

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help us remember Thursday, Feb. 14 as Valentine's Day and all these other days are not that important to the business community. So, what is the background of Valentine's Day? St. Valentine's Day began as a liturgical celebration of one or more early Christian saints named Valentinus. The most popular martyrdom associated with Saint Valentine was that he was imprisoned for performing weddings for soldiers

who were forbidden to marry and for ministering to Christians, who were persecuted under the Roman Empire, during his imprisonment, he is said to have healed the daughter of his jailer Asterius. Legend states that before his execution he wrote "from your Valentine" as a farewell to her. The day was first associated with romantic

love in the circle of Geoffrey Chaucer in the High Middle Ages, when the tradition of courtly love flourished. By the 15th century, it had evolved into an occasion in which lovers expressed their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery, and sending greeting cards (known as "valentines"). Valentine's Day symbols that are used today include the heart-shaped outline, doves, and the figure of the winged Cupid. Since the 19th century, handwritten valentines have given way to mass-produced greeting cards. Wait a minute – what about the famous chocolate that has become an important gift? When I searched Google to find the answer to this question, all I could find was that chocolate was a great way to say "I love you." Thus we can see that the business community has extended it beyond cards. Flowers and chocolate are also important as Valentine's Day gifts.

So when we think of all the February holidays, the bottom line seems to point to February holidays as being "people-related". Whether it is personal (individual or family) or historical (individual or family), it is definitely a time to pause, reflect and renew what is important.

"Roses are red, Violets are Blue
Sugar is sweet and so are you!"

.... Whether said on Feb. 14 or 18: It is important to reflect, enhance or acknowledge what is felt by me and you.

Enjoy your special February holiday days, everyone.



deanna
EASTHOPE
from the FCSS desk

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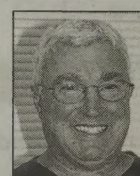
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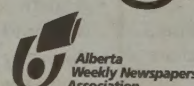
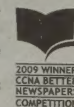
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McFADYEN FAMILY DONATES CHAIRS TO HEALTH CARE CENTRE - The McFadyen families have donated two Lazy Boy chairs that make out into a bed to the Health Care Center in honor of the late Mrs. Violet McFadyen and the late Barrie McFadyen. These are very useful and were very well received by the staff and patients of the Health Care Center. Pictured are Myrna and Bill Fox, Chris McFadyen and children Donna, Dorothy, and Darrel. (Missing from photo, Malcolm and Marjorie McFadyen) Acute Care head nurse Pam Ballas and Healthcare Centre Auxiliary Bernice Capjack are in the second photo.

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Applications for Norberg 936S substation and associated transmission facilities in the St. Paul area

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The Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) filed a needs application to build a new point-of-delivery substation, to be designated as Norberg 936S, in the St. Paul area. ATCO Electric Ltd. (ATCO Electric) filed a facility application requesting approval to meet the need described in the AESO's application.

Anyone who wishes to express their objections to, concerns about, or supports one or more of the applications, must make a written submission to the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) on or before **February 21, 2013**, clearly identifying **Proceeding ID No. 2173** on the submission.

The AESO filed an application with the AUC requesting approval of a needs identification document pertaining to Norberg 936S substation. The application was filed in response to ATCO Electric's request for transmission system access to serve a new pipeline pump station in the St. Paul area.

ATCO Electric filed an application with the AUC requesting permits to construct and licences to operate the following facilities:

- Norberg 936S substation and its associated facilities
- One 46-metre telecommunications tower within Norberg 936S substation
- Approximately three kilometres of new 144-kV single-circuit transmission line (7LA139) from Norberg 936S substation to a connection point on existing transmission line 7L70

Norberg 936S substation will be located at LSD 4, Section 17, Township 61, Range 10, west of the Fourth Meridian, approximately three kilometres southwest of the hamlet of St. Lina. The substation will have a fenced enclosure of 53 metres by 40.5 metres.

How to file a submission:

The AUC prefers that all submissions be filed using the Digital Data Submission service on the AUC website found under e-filing services. Guidelines on how to access and use the e-filing services are in the *AUC Electronic Filing Services* brochure, available in the Newsroom section of our website. For additional assistance with making your submission please contact the AUC at 780-643-1055.

Please include the following with your submission:

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- How your rights may be directly and adversely affected.
- If objecting to the needs application, explain why you believe the project is not in the public interest or is technically deficient.
- If objecting to the facilities application, please explain how the Commission's decision may affect you.

Alternative submission methods:

Complete submission Form B for joint needs and facilities applications found in the Newsroom section of our website and either email your submission to filings@auc.ab.ca or mail it to the AUC with the required information.

The AUC must consider the AESO's assessment of the need to be correct unless someone satisfies the Commission that the need application is technically deficient, or that to approve it would be contrary to the public interest.

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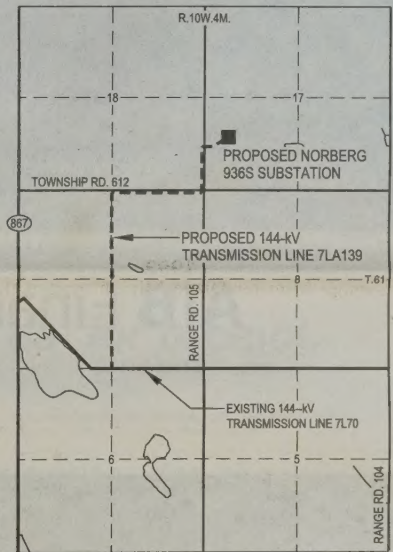
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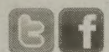
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Atom 'B' hosts six-team tournament

Jumping into a huge pile on top of their goalie after the game, you would have thought they just won the Stanley Cup, and I think for them it was just about as exciting as if they had. Everyone who's involved in this team couldn't have happier for them; the Atom "B" team celebrated Hockey Day in Canada by winning their very first game of the season on Saturday over Cold Lake 4 to 3, when they hosted their home tournament on the weekend. I'm not really sure what his mother fed him for breakfast that morning, but Jace "the Stafford Streak" was



a man on a mission, stopping the puck time and time again in the defensive zone then going end to end to score two goals, he also assisted on another and was the obvious choice when chosen for the Heart and Hustle Award in the first game. Erin Duffee and Ronan "Radar" Poulin scoring as well, "Danny Boy" Cardinal and Brandon "Bart" Schaap on the game sheet both with an assist, "Bart" came close to scoring too, ringing one or two off the posts. Down at the other end of the rink, goalie "Sexy Slader" Hardcastle coming up big in the final seconds for the win.

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Review Sports

I guess we all had high hopes that they could do a repeat, but after running around all day at the arena for eight hours, the same team never played nearly as well in the second game on Saturday at 7 p.m. Still, by the third period they looked like they might be able to make a come back, but it was too little, too late. Four goals for "Radar" Poulin who also won the Heart and Hustle Award, the "Streak" on the sheet with two, blue liner Brandon Goertzen with an assist.

On Sunday the team lost another tough one; "the Stafford Streak" with the only Avalanche goal and Brandon "Bart" Schaap, who can turn on the jets and really played well all weekend, winning the Heart and Hustle Award this time. Some excellent fore checking by Jenna "Precious" Poitras, "Jorja Girl" Theriault, Matthew Quinney, Colby McQuinn, and Alex Duffee, whose sis-

ter Erin made some awesome saves in goal. After the final game of the tournament, the organizing committee also held a Hockey Canada skills competition. A big pat on the back for team manager Margaret Bayduza, the coaches Jay Duffee, Kevin Hardcastle, Carl Laviolette and to all the parents for a brilliant job. Well done mates!!!!

A road trip to Kitscoty on Wednesday night also became the end of the road, as far provincials go for the Atom "A" team who lost a 5 to 2 decision. The odds of winning this series was against them, after being down four goals in the first game it was already a huge uphill battle, but the boys came to play and didn't just roll over and die and we are all very proud of them. Kitscoty has been a thorn in our side for many years, but they do have a very good shot to win our zone.

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The puck stops here!

Goalie Erin Duffee makes another stop in Sunday morning's game against Athabasca. Teams from Tofield, Cold Lake, Wainwright and St. Albert also took part in the two day tournament.

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Tournament

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Another tough pill to swallow on Saturday afternoon when the Atom "A" team, needing a win, traveled to Cold Lake to play in their final league game of the season and decide their fate for the playoffs; they lost this one 6 to 4; thus ending the season as far as being one of the top four teams. Little "Lightning Liam" Ludlage lighting it up for two, "Sam I Am" Henderson, and Connor "Coast to Coast" Lychak adding singles. It's not all bad news; there is a consolation playoff for the bottom three teams in the tier one, and then a few exhibition games as well as their home tournament coming up on March 8 and 9.

Some really good news coming from the Peewees, who won their final league game on Friday night in Cold Lake and therefore secured a playoff berth. The talented team captain "Awesome Alex Hunter with another three goals, and an assist, hardnosed Dustyn" Dust Pan" Pankiw scoring one and assisting on two others, and "Warrior Warren" Ference with two assists. This was a very exciting game, the Avalanche taking a one goal lead late in the game, the Ice pulled their goalie for the extra attacker, and the Avalanche scored the empty netter. With a couple of the regular D Men out of the line up forward Chase Dorey getting the call to start for the first time on the blue line. Chase is one of these guys who loves to play hockey but seldom do we see his name in the paper, a few of the other guys on this team that are rarely on the game sheet as far as points, but work equally hard, these are the grinder guys who contribute every week and should be mentioned because all of them have shown incredible improvement this year, Parker" the Michelin Man" Allen, Corbin" Crusher" Ockerman, Tyler Jamieson, Spencer Hardcastle, Angus McFarlane, Christian Castle -Wassan, and Cyle Graus. The peeewees will be meeting the number one team out of Lloydminster in the first round, a team that has lost only one game all year. The good news is their only loss was to the Avalanche! The first game of the series is Sunday at 4 p.m. at home, close on the heels of another home game Saturday at 3 p.m. against Redwater.

A short bench over in the Marwayne tournament on Sunday; with only eight players in the lineup, the

Micro Novice played in a tournament there. Everyone on the team managed to score at least a few goals and some of them scored their hat tricks, including "King Kong Konnor" Poitras who was celebrating his 7th birthday. Then there was "Bo Diddley" Fontaine who scored his first hat trick ever. Also Sam "Spiderman" Rogal, who woke up with the flu but refused to stay home, scored one too. Also scoring were Gavin Kadutski, Cash "CC" Capjack, "St. Nick" Penner, Cole Pierce and Kade Fontaine.

Up in Cold Lake on Sunday the Novice won 5 to 2. Two goals for the speedy Avery "Whirlwind" Warawa. "Bazooka Joe" Cardinal blasting one, "Mic Jager" Fontaine, and Dean "the Machine" Ockerman also finding the mesh with one each. Two assist for Vanden "Mario" Moroziuk, Odin "the Wall" Smith and Josef Theriault and "Mic" with one each. Goalie Kobe Warawa between the posts with the win. Some great team work by Brady Hymanyk, sisters Lenae and "Amazing Grace" Peebles, Rylee "the Rocket"

Warawa, and the "Special Lady" Jadey Capjack. And a big Happy Birthday going out today to both "the Wall's" grandma, Sharon Smith, and to "Mic Jager."

Like father like son! And in this case like father like daughter! Megan Tucker, whose father Brian was inspirational in bringing girls' hockey to Elk Point many years ago so that Megan could continue playing, has this year started up a women's hockey team and they played their very first game this past week against St. Paul. A few more games have now been scheduled for the next few weeks and we will keep you posted. With all the young girls in atom and novice it just might be time to get the ball rolling on an all-girls team here again!!!

And now for the K.A.Campbell quote of the week "I know my players don't like my practices, but I don't like their games." Last week's answer to: "A month before the season I stop putting ketchup on my French fries." -Mario Lemieux. Have a sports scoop? Now you can email them to sportshound007@hotmail.com



Elk Point Atom 'B' Avalanche, their coach, Jay Duffee and assistant coaches Kevin Hardcastle and Carl Laviolette (not shown - Rod Cardinal) had a weekend of great hockey at their home tournament.

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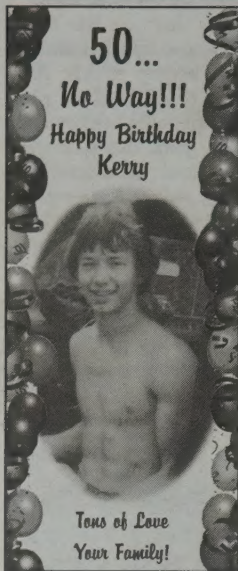
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OBITUARY

QUINNEY, Margaret



On Friday, February 1, 2013 Mrs. Margaret Quinney of Frog Lake, AB passed away at the age of 88 years. Margaret will be forever loved and remembered by her eight sons: Raymond (Grace) Quinney, Donald Quinney, Allan (Aldina) Quinney, Larry (Marlene) Quinney, Gordon (Juanita) Quinney, Joey (Marjorie) Quinney, Paul (Stephanie) Quinney, Garry Quinney; four daughters: Jeanne (Dale) Moyan, Martha (Dan) Matchatis, Angie Quinney (Tony), Lily (Terry) Moyah; two adopted children: Stewart Cardinal, Dan (Barbara) Chief, as well as numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren. Margaret was predeceased by her parents: Pierre Gadwa & Isabel Trottier, biological father: John Cardinal; husband: Lawrence Quinney; two sons: Ronald & Rocky Quinney; three brothers: Frank Gadwa, Eddie Cardinal, Louis Cardinal; two sisters: Louise Moyah & Delphine Martineau.

A Wake was held on Monday & Tuesday, February 4th & 5th, 2013 at the Frog Lake Careers Centre, Frog Lake, AB. Mass of Christian Burial was held on Wednesday, February 6, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at the Frog Lake Careers Centre. Interment followed at Our Lady of Good Counsel Roman Catholic Cemetery, Frog Lake. Pallbearers were Bernard Fryingpan, Rocky Quinney, Travis Matchatis, Gordy Quinney, Justin Quinney, Lawrence Quinney III, Johnny Quinney, Wacey Quinney.

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OBITUARY

MAGNUSSON, Irene



On February 6, 2013, Mrs. Irene Magnusson of Elk Point passed away at the age of 95 years. She is survived by 3 sons & 1 daughter, Melvin (Aline) Magnusson of Fairview, Charles (Anne) Magnusson of Edmonton, Dennis Magnusson of Vancouver, B.C. & Lyn Young of Elk Point; 13 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren; 2 brothers & 1 sister, James Arnold of Surrey, B.C., Edison Arnold of Louisville, KY & Virginia Carlson of Sointula, B.C.; numerous nieces & nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, Grant & Kate Arnold; husband, Clifton; daughter, Patricia; 6 brothers, Laurence, Frank, George, Norman, Alan & Emerson; 3 sisters, Grace, Ethel & Anne. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date. If desired, donations may be made to Parkview Resident's Council or a charity of one's choice c/o 5626-51 Street, St. Paul, Alberta T0A 3A1. To send condolences online, please visit www.gracegardensfuneralchapel.com.

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Good year in 2012 for Health Care Auxiliary

By BERNICE CAPJACK

Health Care Auxiliary president

It has been another good year. Our major project was selling tickets for our quilt raffle. The quilt was donated by members of the Kalyna quilting group. We made a profit of \$1,090. This money will be used for the purchase of articles towards the Locum suite, which is definitely needed as we need a pleasant place for our doctors who come here. Cookbooks and reunion books are still being sold. This year we have added newer articles for sale and they are being sold.

We have added a large sign for our Canteen area that can be seen as soon as you enter. We have put pictures in frames of our deceased chartered members in the canteen. Additions have been made to the Memorial Plaque. Envelopes bearing our group's name have been placed at Grace Gardens so people may donate to our Memorial Fund if they choose. We sold some rags to the Salt Plant this year for \$1 a pound.

We have given two scholarships this year. One student received \$500 and the one just entering received \$250. We also gave a \$50 cheque for the New Year's Baby. Money was given for Volunteer Day for Long Term Care.

We participated in the Canada Day Parade and were present at Information Night in September. We attended both meetings in Smoky Lake and also had a member go to the conference in Red

Deer so we are keeping informed. All of our members now have Auxiliary vests. We continue to buy favours for each holiday of the year for our long term care residents and patients in the Health Care Center at that time. We provide toothbrushes for patients who do not bring them when they stay at the hospital. We have TVs for rental for the patients that stay. We continue to operate the vending machines as we have always done. We cut up old used sheets and linen and sell them if we can. Several of our members volunteer in long term care. Because there is no more home delivery of the Edmonton Journal, we are no longer providing this for long term care residents. We may have to think of another way for this service, which is being missed.

For the year 2013 our goal is to attract new members and start working on another project, to help in the area of health in our community. We will be looking at helping with the décor of the locum suite, but will be looking at other projects as well. Hopefully we can help as much as we can in the community.

Prospective members interested in joining and helping to make a difference in the health care and long term care residents' lives, please feel free to come to a meeting and see what we are all about. Meetings are held the first Monday of every month at 7:00 at the Elk Point Health Care Center. For more information call Bernice at 780 724-3058.



Photo submitted

Health Care Auxiliary members 2013

Current members of the Health Care Auxiliary, not in order, are Carolyn Onusko, Lyn Young, Elsie Oryschuk, Katherine Shymkiw, Myrna Fox, Gloria Lecopoy, Agnes Moroziuk, Elaine Bartee, Bernice Capjack, Gunnie Nelson and (not shown) Rose Vinge and Ruth Stone.

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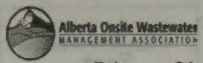
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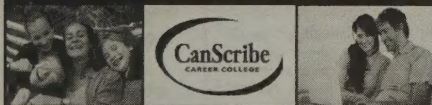
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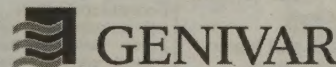
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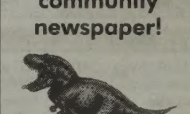
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Wrapping up the top news of 2012

By VICKI BROOKER
Staff Writer

Today we wrap up our Year in Review with the highlights from the final months of 2012....

September

School was back in, and Elk Point Elementary School principal Lorne Young and F. G. Miller High School's new principal Darcy Youngmans were on hand bright and early on the first day to greet the students as they arrived by bus and on foot. Meanwhile at the Empress, a large group of retired teachers gathered to toast their colleagues "for whom the bell still tolls."

Members of the Elk Point Rural Electrification Association voted to sell the electrical distribution system to ATCO Electric for \$5, 381,058, with 130 votes in favour of the sale, 20 against and one spoiled ballot. Grandparents Day was a huge success, with Peggy Maas the top fundraiser, bringing in \$918 of the \$6,518 pledges, which would be split between the Seniors' Recreation Centre, the Handi Van and grandparents raising orphaned grandchildren in Loshoto, Tasmania.

An increase in property tax concerned residents who felt their farm home on the outskirts of town was being taxed the same as an in-town residence, without the services town residents receive. Former MLA Ray Danyluk announced his intention to run for the presidency of the Progressive Conservative Party of Alberta.

Construction of a walking trail along 54 Street, between 50 Ave. and the elevator access road was well underway, as was work on the trail from the access road to the Elk Point Recreation Park. Monday work bees were underway at the A. G. Ross Arena in preparation for the coming hockey and figure skating season.

October

Associate Minister of Health and Seniors George VandenBurg heard health and seniors' concerns from a large group of northeast Alberta residents when he visited Elk Point with Bonnyville-Cold Lake MLA Genia Leskiw. Water was on town council's table, with three separate agenda items dealing with the Regional Water Commission and its operating, administrative and water supply agreements.

Elk Point Elementary School staff and students followed the dream of the legendary Terry Fox, with three survivors, teacher Debbie Wood and students

Abby Rybchinsky and Jake Fontaine, leading the group on their annual run. Planning for a revitalized Christmas Extravaganza got underway for the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce.

Coun. Ron Fraess called the targeted Dec. 21 start-up date for water to start flowing through the new pipeline from St. Paul "optimistic," adding, "I don't think so," with the control building not even expected to arrive until mid-November. Local businesses indicated that they were eager to get on board for the Extravaganza parade, which had been cancelled in 2011 due to lack of interest.

It was a busy and successful summer for the Greater Lakeland Rural Crime Watch, members agreed as they met for the first time since June, with awareness increased by the group's float in the Elk Point and St. Paul parades and promotional booths at three events gaining another dozen members. Elk Point now had two 4-H clubs, one focusing on the beef project splitting off from the Multi Club to double the potential to 'learn to do by doing.'

Halloween hilarity and fantastic costumes took top billing at Elk Point Ukrainian Dance Club's third annual Halloween Family Frolic, which filled the Elk Point Arts and Leisure Centre to capacity. Town council increased honoraria by \$25 per meeting across the board, and increased the allowance for meals and accommodation, but left monthly payments and car allowances at the existing levels.

November

Heinsburg Community School students spent Halloween afternoon creating a lineup of well-dressed scarecrows, with the high school students pitching in to assist the primary grades in this new twist on tradition. Elk Point Elementary's Terry Fox Run raised record high donations of \$4,942, and resulted in some very interesting makeovers for principal Lorne Young and vice principal Leanne Vinge.

The sacrifices and hardships of war were remembered by a smaller-than-average group, on a clear but cold Remembrance Day, with newly arrived Christian Community Church Pastor Don Ford giving an inspiring message. Elk Point Elementary students also paid solemn tribute to those fallen in war, with Don Buryn and his music students performing several numbers and each class having a special part in the program.

The town's proposed new garbage bylaw brought questions ranging from types and sources of containers

to the need for street-front pickup, and was tabled for further study, with implementation delayed until the new year. The Lakeland Communities Health Advisory Committee met in Elk Point and got a through update on the proposed Medi-Vac move from Edmonton Municipal Airport to the international airport.

Elk Point Elementary students helped pack Santa's bags, and their high school counterparts added to the sleigh load as Operation Christmas Child wrapped up for another year of sending shoeboxes stuffed with gifts to less fortunate children overseas. A project aimed at providing sustainable, responsive alternative transportation for seniors in rural Alberta "won't work here," the current volunteer drivers said at the Interagency Health Council meeting.

December

All was bright at the 26th annual Christmas Extravaganza, with a long lineup of brightly lighted floats delighting the crowds lining Main Street and the relocated craft show doing a roaring business at the Seniors' Recreation Centre, which also housed an art show and photos with Santa. Things were much darker at the Big Bucks Contest the following evening, when a power outage all over town caused over half the prizes to be handed out by flashlight.

Extravaganza was "good for a comeback year," chamber president Debra McQuinn declared at the December meeting, adding, "We got a lot of praise." Santa went skating with the youngsters at a Victim Services fundraiser at the A. G. Ross Arena that also included a silent auction.

A weekend filled with music preceded Christmas, with Elk Point Community Choir joined by Les Musicos for their concert, angels in fine voice at the Christian Community Church and seven area churches joining in the Interfaith Cantata. The first reading of Elk Point's new garbage bylaw was deferred to the first meeting of 2013, with the virtues of contracting out residential garbage collection or continuing to do it with town staff debated.

Elk Point Elementary School's concerts shared joy, hope and love, along with a beloved Christmas tree that the forest animals conceded looked even better when the townsfolk got in on the decorating. Concerts at Jack and Jill Playschool and Elk Point Baptist Church and an outpouring of donations for Frog Lake's less fortunate at Heinsburg Community School added to the celebration of the festive season.

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Vinge Memorial Tournament back for #3

By Vicki Brooker
Staff Writer

With two successful fundraising tournaments behind them, organizers of the Third Annual Jim Vinge Memorial Hockey Tournament have preparations well in hand for another great weekend of hockey and happy memories, March 1 to 3 at Elk Point's A. G. Ross Arena.

That arena was Vinge's second home during his minor hockey years, where he not only learned his on-ice skills as a youngster, but later honed then as a member of the Elk Point Senior Elks in the SaskAlta League and on the Jorvik recreational team, as well as passing those skills on to another generation as a minor hockey coach. His hockey career also included several years with the St. Paul Junior B Canadiens.

Former teammates from the teams he played with and now-adult protégés from his coaching days were in the lineup at the first two tournaments, and many are expected to add their names to the draft lineup again this year. Anyone 18 years or older, regardless of their level of hockey experience, is welcome to enter the tournament as an individual, with those signing up by Feb. 18 getting a discount on their entry fee. Five teams will be decided in a draft on Feb. 27.

A silent auction of donated items will be held throughout the weekend, and once again the players and invited guests will enjoy a Saturday evening social, this year to be held at the Elk Point Seniors' Recreation Centre. Donations to the silent auction are welcome.

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